

A special message was received from the Governor, and on motion of Mr. Franks, the rules were suspended to allow the consideration of the same:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Austin, August 10, 1870,

Hon. IRA H. EVANS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR: I herewith return to your House "An Act concerning the University Lands, and confirming the titles thereto," it having originated in your House.

This act is objectionable, particularly in the respect that it compels the Governor to proceed to sell out the remaining university lands at once. Whether these lands belong to the university or to the general school fund, it is obvious that a large fund may be realized for the benefit of education by due care in the sale of them—they being some of the best lands in the State. There is no necessity existing which would require their immediate sale. Within a year or two such lands will probably bring two or three times what they will sell for now. In the meantime the university, even if re-organized, will not require other funds than are already on hand.

There are other objections to the act which I have not thought it necessary to mention here. Some of these are embraced in or re-

ferred to in the enclosed opinion of Hon. Wm. Alexander, Attorney General of the State, to which I ask the attention of your House.

Respectfully,

EDMUND J. DAVIS,
Governor.

The question being, "Will the House, on reconsideration, pass the bill, viz: "An Act concerning the University lands and confirming the titles thereto?" the yeas and nays were called and resulted as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. C. L. Abbott, George—2.

Nays—Messrs. Austin, Abney, H. R. Allen, Richard Allen, Becton, Burley, Booty, Cooper, Cotton, Camp, Cox, Dupree, Davis, Dorris, Ellis, Franks, Gaston, Gardiner, Grothaus, Harn, Hamilton, Haswell, Johnson, Jenkins, Kyle, Kendall, Lacy, Lane, Leonard, Lyons, Morrison, Henry Moore, McLean, J. F. McKee, Mitchel, Mullins, Medlock, Miller, R. L. Moore, Posey, Plumley, Prissick, Robinson, Schleckum, Schlotman, Schutze, Simmons, Smyth, Stirman, Stockbridge, Tegener, Tinsley, Weaver of Hunt, Weaver of Johnson, Williams of Colorado, York, Youngkin, Zapp, Zoeller—59.

So the House, on reconsideration, refused to pass the bill.